



CITY OF SEQUIM *News*



December 2014

Meeting Dates & Locations

City Council Regular Meeting Transit Center	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session Transit Center (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Transit Center	Tuesday, December 16 6:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Board PW—615 N. 5th Ave.	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Transit Center Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 12 10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Transit Center Conf. Room	3rd Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

December 22 City Council Meeting Cancelled

Civic Center Community Plaza Open House

Monday, December 8, 2014, 4:00—5:00 p.m.

Sequim Transit Center, 190 W. Cedar St.

View concepts of the community plaza portion of the new Civic Center and provide input for the Sequim City Council on priorities for this public space.



Road Clearance for Winter Storms

The cold weather has arrived and that means the possibility of winter storms. Citizens are reminded that during heavy snows, the City crew concentrates on clearing the main arterials first. Washington Street, Sequim Avenue, 5th Avenue, 3rd Avenue, overpasses and school routes (when schools are in session) are the top priorities.

In the event of a snow storm, the City asks the community to help by clearing snow from the sidewalks that adjoin their homes and businesses.



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Happy Holidays!

City Offices will be closed on
Thursday, December 25 & Friday, December 26
for the Christmas Holiday, and on
Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day



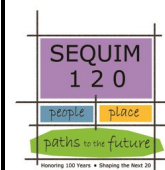
No Coffee with the Mayor in December or January

Due to holiday schedules, there will be no Coffee with the Mayor meetings in December or January. Regular meetings are expected to convene in February. Please contact Candace Pratt at (360) 582-0114 or cpratt@sequimwa.gov with questions.

Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents

The City of Sequim recognizes these are tough economic times. To financially assist those struggling to meet their basic needs, utility rate reductions will be available for qualifying low income residents effective for January 2015 usage. If your income does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty guidelines or \$25,000/year, you may be eligible. There is an additional net asset-based test to determine qualification. The exact amount of your discount will be administratively determined upon receipt of all applications. Qualifying applicants will see the discounted rates on their January usage bill. **Even if you already receive the low income discount, all applicants must re-apply annually.**

Applications are due January 15, 2015 and are available at the following locations: City Hall, DSHS, Sequim Community Aid, St. Vincent de Paul, Serenity House, United Way and the Sequim Senior Center. Applications can also be downloaded from our website at www.sequimwa.gov. Please don't hesitate to call the finance department at (360) 683-4139 with your questions.



Look for a draft of the City of Sequim new Comprehensive Plan in 2015!

Product of the citizen participation in Sequim 120.



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VOLUNTEER CORNER

Bill Hegarty has served as a Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) with the Sequim Police Department since 2005, and has served as the VIPS Coordinator since 2008.

"I do not have a law enforcement background, but I am generally inclined to observe the law, including speed limits, and the opportunity to volunteer with the SPD

seemed interesting and attractive," Bill said.

He first read about the VIPS program in the newspaper and then talked with a friend who spoke highly of his volunteer experience with a suburban police department in Kansas City.

Working with the dedicated and experienced group of volunteers, and the fact that the officers, support staff, sergeants, and the Chief really do appreciate the time and effort provided by the VIPS are Bill's favorite aspects of working with the program. He also enjoys the variety of work including patrol assignments, traffic control, office tasks, and his work with the Project Lifesaver program.

Bill is especially proud of the Civilian Service Award that he received in 2012, stating that it was most unexpected and is much valued. He was chosen for the award by the Sequim Police Department for his leadership that has significantly contributed to the VIPS program growth into a well-respected and essential partner of the Sequim Police Department.

"In large part because of Mr. Hegarty's capable direction and administrative skills, the VIPS have provided consistently reliable support, enhancing the Department's ability to function with greater efficiency and productivity, and resulting in a higher level of service to the community," proclaimed the award.

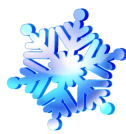
Bill said that in addition to the benefits to the organization and community, that the volunteers benefit substantially through the contacts and personal relationships gained and the satisfaction derived from accomplishing something of worth.

"Sometimes, I miss the daily schedule and challenges of my working years (engineering) and especially the associates with whom I worked. Being a volunteer with a schedule and responsibilities helps fill that void," he said.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities with the City of Sequim, Contact Volunteer Coordinator Pamela Leonard-Ray at (360) 582-2447 or pleonard-ray@sequimwa.gov or City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov.



VIPS Coordinator Bill Hegarty



Prepare Your Pipes for Fall and Winter Winterize your outside water connections.

Unhook any attached hoses from outdoor taps and drain any remaining water from the hose. Cover the taps with a Styrofoam connector to help prevent freezing.

If you have pipes that are not underground, disconnect them from the water source if possible. If disconnecting them is not possible, put insulation on or over the exposed piping.

Going out-of-town for a couple months?

If you live in Sequim city limits and are on City water, consider having your water shut-off at the meter by the City. There's a one-time charge of \$42.00 (rate through December 2014). You would only be billed a stand-by fee of \$23.11 for water and \$23.11 for sewer (rates through December 2014) per month.



You will need to come into City Hall and sign paperwork to have your water turned off.

After the meter has been shut-off, there may still be water in the lines. Turn a faucet on until no remaining water

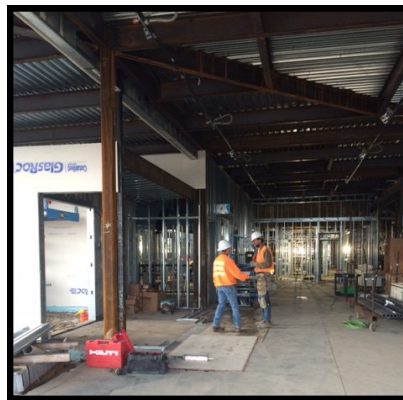


comes through, then turn off the faucet. If possible, turn off the water tap coming into the house, if you have one.

When you are ready to return, call Sequim City Hall at 360-683-4139 at least two (2) business days prior to your arrival to have the water turned on.

Doing any of these things may help save you money and give you peace of mind.

Crews Install the Main Staircase at the New Civic Center



Construction crews continue work framing the Civic Center lobby and on enclosing the building.

To keep the community informed of progress on the Civic Center Project, the City is posting weekly updates to the City

of Sequim website www.sequimwa.gov.

Please contact City Engineer David Garlington at (360) 683-4908 or dgarlington@sequimwa.gov with questions.